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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of : Group Art Unit: 3737  
VENKAT S. VENKATARAMANI et al. : Examiner: MAULIN M. PATEL  
Serial No. 09/681,220 : Response to Paper No. 3  
Filed: February 27, 2001  
For: MATCHING LAYER HAVING GRADIENT IN  
IMPEDANCE FOR ULTRASOUND TRANSDUCERS

**PETITION REQUESTING WITHDRAWAL OF THE HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT**  
**UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.181 (a)**

HONORABLE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS,  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The Applicants respectfully request that the holding of abandonment dated September 26, 2002 be withdrawn because the Applicants timely filed on March 22, 2002 a response to the Office action that was dated January 16, 2002. Attached herewith are:

- (1) A copy of the Applicants' response to said Office action, which response was deposited with the United States Postal Service on March 22, 2002; and

(2) A copy of the return receipt postcard indicating that the United States Patent and Trademark Office received this response on March 29, 2002.

The Applicants wish to point out that the correct serial number for this application is 09/681,220, and not 09/681,218, as indicated in all of the Examiner's correspondence to date. Attached is also a copy of the filing receipt for the instant patent application indicating the correct serial number to be 09/681,220.

Respectfully submitted,



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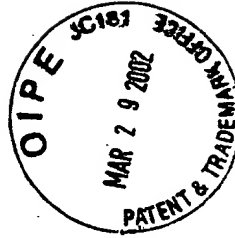
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Matching layer having gradient in impedance for ultrasound transducers

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